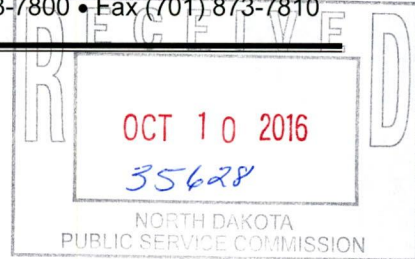


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October 7, 2016

Mr. James R. Deutsch
Director Reclamation Division
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Department 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0408

Re: Notice of Violation Number 1601

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Please find enclosed a check for \$2,500, which was the civil penalty proposed for Notice of Violation Number 1601.

Sincerely,

COYOTE CREEK MINING COMPANY, L.L.C.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donn R. Steffen", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Donn R. Steffen
Engineering and Environmental Manager

cc: Brian R. Bjella